

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteer Enjoys Helping People Succeed



Paul Muncey is the new coordinator for the VIPS program.

Paul Muncey recently accepted the role as Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Coordinator. He is looking forward to being involved in all aspects of the program from recruiting new volunteers and promoting the program to ensuring that the VIPS are providing the assistance that the police officers and staff require.

Paul is also very excited about assisting the department in preparing for the accreditation process by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. This is a distinction the department can now strive for with the new Police Department in the Civic Center.

He and his wife Susan moved to Sequim in 2011 from the Seattle area. He said as they began to think about retirement they visited many communities in Oregon and Washington, but none seemed attractive until they visited the Olympic Peninsula and Sequim.

"It felt like home to us almost immediately," Paul said.

He has been volunteering with VIPS for the past four years.

"We truly enjoy the small town life and atmosphere and wanted to get involved in the community," he said.

"Volunteering is an excellent way to get to know your town and the people in it, while at the same time putting to good use the skills and talents that you've developed over a lifetime."

When asked why he believes volunteering is important, Paul said he has always enjoyed helping people to succeed and thinks that most people feel that way. In addition to his volunteer work with the City, Paul and Susan assist at the local winery, Wind Rose Cellars, where they help vintner David Volmut during harvest season and with the wine bottling process. They also put their graphic design skills to use helping small businesses and are involved with the My Choices Medical Pregnancy Resources Centers in Sequim and Port Angeles.

To learn more about the various opportunities to volunteer with the City and make a difference in the community, contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov.